

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Plymouth Public Schools is to challenge, inspire, and prepare all students for success in an ever-changing and complex world.

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. McCann, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa and Mr. Engle

1. Call to Order and Pledge to Flag

Mr. Engle called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented, Motion Mr. Melchionna, seconded, Mr. Goodwin.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to omit Item 11B. Motion Mrs. Johnson, seconded, Mrs. McCann. Motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 15, 2015. Motion Mr. Gentile, seconded Mr. Orsini. Abstaining: Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Goodwin. Motion passes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 29, 2015. Motion Mr. Gentile, seconded Mrs. McCann. Roll Vote: Mr. Melchionna, Mrs. McCann, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa, all voted in favor of the motion. Abstaining: Mr. Wetzel, and Mr. Goodwin. Motion passes.

4. Student Representatives

George Andrews – Sports

- May 16 Berkshire League Track Meet
- June 3 Booster Awards
- June 4 Berkshire Awards, Aqua Turf
- June 5 Local Prevention Council – pancakes for prom

- Girl’s Track record 5/4, their best record in decades
- Baseball record 7/8. The team needs one more win to qualify for the state
- Softball record has improved from last year
- After grad party at Shelton Sports Center

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*Deborah A. Robinson*

Halley King – School Activities

May 15 Career Day for sophomores  
May 19 SEPTA - Focus Group – THS Auditorium 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
May 26 Band & Chorus Concerts @ 7:30 p.m.  
June 2 Awards Ceremony @ 8 a.m.

- The student council has been recycling.

Allison Smith – Senior Activities

May 6 Mock DUI Car Crash  
May 19 Mr. Nave and the Psychology & Sociology Classes Field Trip to a Connecticut Prison  
May 22 Spring Extravaganza @6:30 p.m. (Mr. THS; Cinderella's Closet Fashion Show and a Talent Show)  
May 27 Mentor Picnic at the fairgrounds  
May 29 Senior Class Trip from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
June 1 Senior Music Awards Dinner @ Nuchie's Restaurant  
June 2 Senior Night (senior video, raffle and yearbooks to be distributed)  
June 5 Senior Prom  
June 12 Senior Breakfast @ THS

Student representatives expressed their appreciation for being able to participate and sit in on the Board of Education Meetings.

5 Presentations

A. Student Leadership Award Recipients

Rebecca Cody – Grade 12 – Terryville High School  
Aaron Saindon – Grade 11 – Terryville High School

B. Grade 5 Spelling Bee Winners

Rebecca Dorsey – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Plymouth Center School  
Victoria Klepps – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
Alena Harris – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Plymouth Center School

6. Recess

MOTION: To recess at 7:15 p.m. in order to meet the award recipients and spelling bee winners. Motion Mr. Gentile, seconded Mr. Goodwin. Motion passes.

7. Resume Regular Session

MOTION: To resume regular session at 7:28 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Wetzell. Motion passes.

8. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes Note: The Board does not comment on Public Comment)

Chris Simo-Kinzer – 52 Old Farm Road  
House Bill 6891 – Who has access to birth records  
House Bill 7017 – FERPA

Ann Petrin – 60 Cross Road  
Breakfast for Retirees  
Tea at the Lyceum  
Elimination of a Family & Consumer Science Teacher

9. Communications

Employment Law Letter - spring 2015 from Shipman & Goodwin

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

A. Appointments

MOTION: To appoint **David Wunsch** to the position of System- wide Maintenance for the Plymouth Public School District effective May 14, 2015. Motion Mr. Wetzel, seconded Mr. Orsini. Motion passes.

MOTION: To appoint **David Alarcon** as the Girl's Middle School Track Coach for the 2014 – 2015 season effective May 14, 2015. Motion Mr. Melchionna, seconded Mrs. McCann. Motion passes.

B. Leave of Absence - Omitted

C. Transfers

MOTION: To approve transfers totaling \$36,816.00 as discussed in the Finance Subcommittee Meeting of May 13, 2015. Motion Mr. Wetzel, seconded Mr. Goodwin. Motion passes.

12. Board Member / Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum – Mrs. Kulesa, Chair – No meeting due to lack of a quorum.  
B. Facilities – Mr. Goodwin, Chair - No Report – However, Board Chair suggested scheduling a meeting between now and the end of the year to discuss sidewalks, etc.  
C. Finance – Mr. Melchionna, Chair – The Finance Subcommittee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, reviewed the accounts-by-facilities report for the month of April and will forward the same to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

- D. Negotiations – Mr. Gentile, Chair – No Report . However, Board Chair suggested a meeting between now and the June BOE Meeting. Will discuss this further with the subcommittee chair.
- E. Personnel – Mr. Goodwin, Chair – All items were addressed under new business.
- F. Policy – Mrs. Johnson, Chair – Tentative Meeting for June 2, 2015
- G. Safety/Transportation – Mr. Orsini, Chair – No Report
- H. Education Connection – Mrs. Kulesa – Meeting took place on May 7<sup>th</sup> which was an Annual Business Meeting regarding budget, Election of Officers and to set future meeting dates.

13. Administrative Reports / Requests / Information

Dr. Tenney, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

May 21                      Parent Workshop from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., library Eli Terry Jr. Middle School (PBIS & SRBI)

The last workshop will take place sometime in June; Teacher of the Year process has begun and there will be a presentation at the June BOE Meeting and the PEP Grant was discussed.

Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology

Items Discussed: Thank you to Tony, Alyssa and Connor for tonight's broadcast; tentative plan for the collection of chrome books at the end of the school year and the care of chrome books.

Mr. Santogatta, Business Manager

Items Discussed: Transfers; out of district placement account; legal account, closing out in June of the 2014 – 2015 school year; zoning approval for solar units with construction to begin the week of May 18; May 28, Public Hearing regarding Solar Power; Harry S. Fisher framework and glass for the windows; security entry way; and Terryville High School collapsed storm drain and entry ways.

Dr. Semmel, Superintendent of Schools

Discussed: Welcome to Marty Wetzel; Highlighting of students; Business Manager Update – Special Board Meeting on Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – 2 candidates will be brought before the Board; New Director of Special Education to begin on Monday, May 18; Budget Referendum; Superintendent available for discussion from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. every morning through May 20 and on May 14 from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or anyone is welcome to call regarding any budget questions; 1<sup>st</sup> pot luck luncheon was held on May 13 at 12 noon. There will be a meeting on a monthly basis with parents and the community; meetings will be alternated between day and next meeting will take place on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at central office. Day of Caring held on May 15 where Dr. Semmel will be spreading mulch at Lake Winfield.

14. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes Note: The Board does not comment on Public Comment) – None

15. Board Liaisons to Schools

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School      Mr. Gentile

Active PTA; looking for a President, Secretary and Treasurer and volunteers. Asked that Mr. Wetzel attend the next meeting.

Plymouth Center School      Mr. Melchionna

No Report – However, the group will be voting on changing from PTA to PTO.

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School      Mrs. McCann

May 11      Orientation for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
Open House is the day after Labor Day  
Team Building Ropes Course Plan  
Students to attend CCSU in preparation for college

Terryville High School      Mr. Goodwin

No Report due to his attendance at the Public Hearing.

SEPTA      Mrs. Johnson

May 13      Meeting in the morning at the Lucky Cup  
Summer Bowling League confirmed – 8 weeks – once a week – 1 p.m. at the Thomaston Lanes. Last day to contact Mrs. Johnson for T-Shirts is June 8  
July 26      Annual Family Picnic at Cedar Lake from noon to 6 p.m.  
June 19      Focus @ 6 p.m. @ Terryville High School  
Community Tea on April 19 was very successful

CABE      Mr. Gentile

June 9      CABE Legislative Wrap-up at the Capital in Room 2A from 9a.m. – 11a.m. Interested individuals are to contact Mr. Gentile

16. Final Board Comments

Mr. Melchionna – Welcome, Mr. Wetzel; Thank you to the parents, teachers and others who spoke at the public hearing.

Mr. Wetzel – no comment

Mrs. McCann – Reminder, Budget Referendum May 21, get out and vote; looking forward to wrapping up the school year; and thank you to the teachers and staff.

Mr. Gentile – congratulations to the students on their achievements; welcome Marty Wetzel; thank you to the Town Council, Board of Finance and the Board of Education for all the hours they devoted to completing the budget.

Mr. Orsini – Welcome Back, Mr. Wetzel; congratulations to Mr. Perkins on the Mock DUI Program and reminder, Budget Referendum, May 21 from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Mr. Goodwin – Welcome Mr. Wetzel and thank you to Chris Simo--Kinzer for his comments at the public hearing.

Mrs. Johnson – Thank you to the student representatives; Pot Luck was informative; congratulations to the award recipients and spelling bee winners; welcome Mr. Wetzel; and excited about the Director of Special Education who begins on Monday, May 18.

Mrs. Kulesa – Welcome, Mr. Wetzel; former Director of Special Education, Mr. Parenti. sends his regards and remember to vote on May 21st.

Mr. Engle – Thank you to the student representatives; proud of the students who participated in the Academic Bowl; congratulations to the spelling bee winners and others; looking forward to the Director of Special Education on May 18, and please go out and vote.

17. Next Regular Board Meeting – June 10, 2015 @ 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School

18. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Goodwin. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Johnson  
Secretary  
Board of Education